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Cindy/Matt,

Attached is what I've put together in response to the data call for your review.

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Respectfully,
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- The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan (MMP), signed by the Secretary of the Interior in November 1999 and effective February 1999, directed that a Monument Advisory Committee (MAC), chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, be established to advise and aid Monument managers on science issues and the achievement of Management Plan objectives.
- As specified in the Committee charter, the GSENM MAC may be requested to: (1) Gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, seek public input or ascertain facts to develop recommendations concerning the use and management of the Monument; (2) review programmatic documents including the annual Monument Manager's Reports, and Monument Science Plans to provide recommendations on the achievement of the Management Plan objectives; (3) Compile monitoring data and assess and advise the DFO of the extent to which the Plan objectives are being met; (4) Make recommendations on Monument protocols and applicable planning projects to achieve the overall objectives are being met; (5) Review appropriate research proposals and make recommendations on project necessity and validity; (6) Make recommendations regarding allocation of research funds through review of research and project proposals as well as needs identified through the evaluation process; (7) Consult and make recommendations on issues such as protocols for specific projects, e.g., vegetation restoration methods or standards for excavation and curation of artifacts and objects; and/or (8) Prepare an annual report summarizing the Committee's activities and accomplishments of the past year, and make recommendations for future needs and activities.
- The 15-member MAC is comprised of one representative from each of the following categories: An elected official from Garfield County, an elected official from Kane County, State of Utah, Tribal, Livestock permittees, Outfitter-Guide permittees, Education, and Environmental; and one scientist representing the fields of Archaeology, Botany, Geology, Paleontology, Social Science, Systems Ecology and Wildlife Biology. Of the positions currently filled, six are from southern Utah (Kane & Garfield Counties), three from central/northern Utah, one from northern Arizona, and two from Colorado. There are currently three vacancies – Botany, Social Science, and an elected official from Garfield County.
- Among the recommendations prepared by the MAC are a comprehensive report on using Adaptive Management Strategies in Science, a Livestock Grazing report, and numerous recommendations ranging from manning strategies for Monument visitor centers to gaining Dark Sky recognition for the Monument.
- By charter, the MAC meets two-to-four times per year; and is currently meeting four times to advise Monument management on the development of the on-going Livestock Grazing Management Monument Management Plan Amendment and Associated Environmental Impact Statement, as well as other projects in process including the 25,000-acre Skutumpah Terrace Restoration Project. The next meeting is scheduled for October 4/5, 2017 in Escalante, Utah.